

EXTRA

DROWNED OFF SAMOA.

The Trenton, the Nipsic and the Vandalia Totally Wrecked.

THREE GERMAN VESSELS LOST.

Fifty of Our Brave Men-of-War's Men Go Down in a Hurricane.

NINETY-SIX GERMAN SAILORS PERISH.

A Despatch from Auckland Gives Almost the Briefest Possible Story of a Terrible Disaster—No Names of the Drowned Men Sent—Admiral Kimberley Was on Board the Trenton—Even the Date of the Storm Is at Present Unknown—The Officers of the Nipsic and Her Armament—She Was the Vessel on Which "The World's" Correspondent, John C. Klein, Was Taken from Samoa.

AUCKLAND, March 29.—Despatches from Samoa state that the American men-of-war Trenton, Vandalia and Nipsic, and the German men-of-war Adler, Olga and Eber were given on a reef during a violent storm and totally wrecked.

Of the American crews, four officers and sixty-six men were drowned.

Of the German crews, nine officers and eighty-seven men lost their lives.

LONDON, March 30.—Advices have been received from Samoa to the effect that in a terrible hurricane three American and four German men-of-war were wrecked and that many persons were drowned.

Secretary Tracy Has No Information.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The cablegrams in reference to the reported wrecking of the three American men-of-war at Samoa were sent to Secretary Tracy at the Arno at an early hour this morning, and he sent down word that he had no information on the subject.

THE MEN AND THE VESSELS.

All Gallant Sailors and Staunch Wooden Ships of War.

Commander Dennis W. Mullan, the commander of the Nipsic, was ordered to that duty Oct. 1, 1887. He entered the service Sept. 20, 1860; was promoted to ensign in October, 1863; to master in October, 1866; to lieutenant in February, 1867; lieutenant-commander in March, 1869, and to his present grade in July, 1882. This was his first command in the new grade, as, owing to some trouble with the Navy Department, he was kept off duty for over four years. Commander Mullan, while not regarded as one of the brilliant men of the navy, was a good fighting officer. He was a native of Massachusetts and was of Irish parentage. The executive officer of the Nipsic, in the absence of Lieut. Hawley, was Richard O. Davenport, or, as he is better known, "Dick" Davenport. His reputation as a first-class officer in every respect was vouched for by all the navy people here. He was a son of the late Capt. Davenport of the navy, who was one of the most distinguished naval officers of the late war and who commanded the Congress during the battle of Mobile Bay.

The other officers attached to the Nipsic were: Lieut. John R. Shearman, of New York. Ensigns William P. White, John L. Purcell, Harry A. Field and Harry P. Jones. Passed Assistant Surgeon E. C. Derr. Passed Assistant Paymaster John Corwin. Chief Engineer George W. Hall. Passed Assistant Engineer Horace E. Frick. First Lieut. of Marines T. Glover Fillette. The complement of the Nipsic was 174 men and blue jackets, although some of her short time men were sent home from Samoa when the Adams left for San Francisco in January last.

The Trenton's officers were, at last advices: Rear-Admiral, L. A. Kimberly.

Captain, N. H. Farquhar, commanding and Chief of Staff.

Lieut. H. O. Rittenhouse, Flag Lieutenant.

Lieut. G. A. Merriam, Secretary.

Lieut. Commander, H. W. Lyon.

Lieutenants, R. M. G. Brown, S. L. Graham, L. J. Reamy and R. O. Scott.

Lieut. Junior grade, W. H. Allen.

Ensign, J. J. Blandin.

Naval Cadets, Robert Stocker, F. W. Hitts, B. C. Decker, B. W. Wells, W. S. Clope, G. W. Logan, R. H. Jackson.

Medical Inspector, O. H. White.

Assistant Surgeon, S. S. White.

The officers of the Vandalia were:

Captain, C. M. Schoonmaker.

Lieutenants, J. W. Carlin, J. C. Wilson, C. E. Fox.

Lieutenants (Junior grade), H. M. Witzel, T. M. Brumby.

Naval Cadets, E. Moolle, C. C. Johnston, S. F. Edmunds.

Surgeon, H. T. Babbin.

Paymaster, Frank H. Ames.

Chief Engineer, E. J. Burasp.

Passed Assistant Engineer, A. B. Bates.

First Lieutenant of Marines, G. F. Elliott.

Carpenter, J. B. Fletcher.

The Nipsic was a wooden vessel and was built in 1873. After two cruises she was rebuilt at the Navy-Yard, Washington, in 1875. She was bark rigged, 185 feet long and 35 feet beam. Her displacement was 1,375 tons and indicated speed 10 knots. Her battery consisted of one 8-inch muzzle-loading rifle, four 9-inch smooth-bores; one 80-pounder breech-loading rifle converted Parrot, which was located on the forecastle. In the secondary battery one 3-inch rifled howitzer, one 12-pounder and one short Gatling gun. In addition to these there were sixty Hotchkiss rifles of the latest improved pattern in her armory, besides the usual number of pistols and side arms allowed by regulation for vessels of the Nipsic class.

The Trenton and Vandalia were larger than the Nipsic. The Trenton was a ship-rigged wooden cruiser of ten guns and of 3,000 tons displacement. The Vandalia was also a bark-rigged wooden cruiser of 2,100 tons, with a battery of eight guns, mostly smooth-bores.

As far as known the Olga was the most formidable of the German vessels at Apia. She was an unarmored and unprotected single-decked cruiser of 2,200 tons displacement and was built in 1880. Her principal battery consisted of eight six-inch Krupp rifles and a number of Hotchkiss revolving cannon. It is thought at the Navy Department that she carried about a half dozen Schwartzkopf torpedoes, which are similar to the Whithead torpedoes in that they are projected from tubes beneath the water-line.

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KNOCKED OUT

Joe Lannon Whipped This Morning by Jack Ashton.

Nineteen Rounds Fought by These Well-Known Heavy-Weights.

\$6,000 Changed Hands on the Result of the Contest.

John L. Sullivan and Lannon Lost on the Way to the Battle-Ground.

A Rivalry of Three Years Settled at Last.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 30.—After three years of backing and filling and the posting of several deposits to secure a match Jack Ashton, of this city, and Joe Lannon, of Boston, came together between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning and fought for a purse of \$1,000.

There was a great deal of interest taken in the fight, not only here at Boston, but in nearly all the New England cities, as well as in New York, and many were represented in a crowd of nearly five hundred persons, who paid \$10 each for a piece of pasteboard which they were told to present at the Providence and Springfield depot at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

The local police were on to the fight and had once caused a postponement, but this time a special train was chartered which was run up the road to North Providence and halted at a cross road called Stillwater.

Here men were found with lanterns who piloted the crowd across country, through swamps, over six high stone walls and over a rough cart road a mile and a half long.

Some of the sports were caught in the quagmire and four lost in the swamp, two of whom were John L. Sullivan and Lannon, who went off on a tangent and were hunted up an hour later on a cross-road almost a mile from the scene of the fight.

Two of the wanderers were hunted up by a woman who heard that they were missing, who took a lantern and went in search of them.

THE MEN IN THE OLD TOWN HALL.

The ring was pitched in the Old Town Hall, a large and dilapidated structure, which had been converted into a boxing ring and was rigged up for the affair.

The men entered the ring at midnight, and at 12:15.

Ashton was seconded by Steve McMaugh and Jim Dally, of Providence, and Lannon by Jim Lannon and Billy McMaugh, of Boston.

Frank Moran, of Bridgeport, was chosen as referee.

Ashton was weighed in at 172 pounds and Lannon at 193, and both men were in excellent form and as pink as a rose.

The betting was even, and the Pawtucket sports bet against Ashton. In Boston the bets were 10 to 1 that there would be a draw.

About \$6,000 changed hands.

ASHTON LEADS.

When time was called Ashton began to lead and planted his left foot on Lannon's jaw. This riled up the Boston boy, who made a rush and endeavored to do any damage. The men then closed in and there was sharp skirmishing in which Ashton showed himself to be a skillful ring tactician. He was after Lannon in a few seconds and was in his windings. First blood was claimed for Ashton, but it was not allowed.

In the second round Ashton drove for Lannon's head, but the blow was blocked, and Lannon took him under the jaw. Jack countered handsomely, but Lannon was still on deck, and after two or three sharp face blows, planted a hot shoulder blow on Lannon's left eye, which at once began to swell and shut down. The Boston pug was gritty, and made some wicked attempts to knock his man out, but Jack blocked

him at every point, using his left so effectively that Lannon's face began to puff up.

FIGHTING FOR WIND.

In the fifth and sixth rounds both men evidently fought for wind. There was in-fighting throughout, and what was done was to the credit of Ashton, whose head appeared to be on a swivel, for Lannon could not find it.

The seventh saw Lannon again forcing the fighting. Ashton led off with his left on Lannon's jaw and then dodged what was meant to be a stunning counter, but resulted in a harmless back-body blow. As he turned Lannon got after him and gave Jack a series of hard body blows, but the latter retaliated with a double fist, and Lannon was glad to close in and time was called.

For the eighth round Lannon, after he had been pummeled on the face by Ashton's left, made a vigorous play for Jack's ribs, with the hope of knocking out his wind, but he struck above the navel and too high to do any harm.

FIERCE FIGHTING IN THE NINTH ROUND.

It looked in the ninth round as though there was to be a finish of the fight. Both men came to the scratch fresh and without a cut, Lannon led and was met by Ashton, who landed five blows in succession with his left on Lannon's face and then staggered Joe with a left hander on the left eye. Here was a golden opportunity for Jack to win, but he failed to follow up the advantage. For some reason, probably over exertion, he let the chance slip.

LANNON GROGNY.

In the tenth round Lannon showed up groggy and his blows fell short, and he did no execution. Ashton did all the work, and securing an opening, set his left to work and dropped it on Lannon's left eye, which began to look like a bay window. Lannon partially recovered and got in three hard body blows, mainly on the breast. Ashton returned with his left, and received a hard square blow on the forehead.

In the eleventh Lannon led off in great style and appeared to have nerved himself up. His blows, however, were short and did not yield any punishment, for Ashton blocked him all the time. The round was purely give and take and body work.

LANNON FINDS HIS RIGHT.

Lannon at last found use for his right in the twelfth round and caught Ashton on the jaw, and this was the best blow that Joe struck during the fight. The opening was a good one, and was also improved upon. Jack was quick to recover and retaliated with a volley of left-handers on Lannon's face and body—five blows in all. Ashton turned to avoid the counter and Lannon got in a solid blow on Jack's neck and sent him spinning, but he held his feet.

The thirteenth—Ashton worked for an opportunity on Lannon's face, and used his left and right beautifully. Lannon returned the compliment with a right upper cut on Jack's jaw.

SULLIVAN MAKES A SUGGESTION.

In response to a suggestion from John L. Sullivan that Joe ought to have some for his right, Ashton was riled up by this and he sailed in and used his right and left until he had got in seven face blows and made Lannon very groggy, the calling of time alone saving Joe from being knocked out there and then.

The fourteenth saw Jack Ashton from first to last. Lannon came up somewhat bewildered, and he was beginning to quit. He had not fought enough to his hard blow and Ashton had him at his mercy, pounding him in the face and body, blocking everything that his opponent offered, with the exception of one in the jaw.

Lannon again braced up in the fifteenth, opening with his left on Ashton's neck—a nasty crack, too. He followed this up with a right upper cut on Jack's jaw, Ashton returning with vigor on the forehead.

A PUNCH FOR ASHTON.

The sixteenth was a picnic for Ashton, who played a merry tattoo on Lannon's eyes, face and body. Joe found time to drive out a straight arm blow and to make Jack's teeth rattle. This nettled Ashton, who tried the upper cut, and with good effect.

LANNON'S LAST OPPORTUNITY.

In the seventeenth round Ashton opened on Lannon's left eye. He was speedily repaid by Lannon, who contributed two face blows and nearly took Jack off his feet. Lannon might have made the fight interesting for Jack here, but he neglected to follow up his opportunity.

In the eighteenth round, which was to be the closing one, Ashton went in to win. He rammed Lannon's head into the swamp, and then drove a heavy blow down heavily, although Lannon met Jack in good form.

Another round was called for, and the men came up, Ashton strong and eager for a settling of the old disputes, while Lannon was groggy.

LANNON GOES DOWN.

Jack saw that by forcing the fighting he would knock his man out, and he proceeded to do so. He drove him to the centre of the ring, and then set him to have a paste with his left, and Lannon went down like a log. As soon as he could get to his feet Lannon squared off, but he could not resist the furious assaults of Ashton, who swung his right and left in until another knock-down ensued.

Lannon's seconds raised him to his feet, and Ashton, leaving his corner, crossed over to Lannon and punched Joe over the ropes, where he lay helpless, so dazed that he did not know where he was.

ASHTON'S POINT.

The referee gave the fight and the purse of \$1,000 to Ashton.

After the fight Ashton was found to have a swollen ear and one lumpy cheek, while Lannon's face was bruised and black and blue, and he complained of a severe pain in his chest.

Neither man brought blood on his opponent, and the fight was decided on a knock-out pure and simple. Ashton's hands showed no effects of the pounding he gave Lannon.

The crowd walked another mile and a half to get to the return train, and reached Providence at 4 o'clock this morning.

There was additional interest in the fight arising from Ashton having had the advantage of having constantly sparred with Sullivan on the latter's European trip, and it was supposed that he would show great improvement.

A Boston Broker Fails for \$100,000.

BOSTON, March 30.—George H. Bennet, insurance broker, of No. 85 Kilby street, went into voluntary insolvency this afternoon. His liabilities are reported to be about \$100,000 and his assets about \$80,000. It is claimed that \$40,000 of the indebtedness is secured by real estate and other collateral, but that with proper management Mr. Bennet will be able to pay 60 or 65 cents on the dollar. The failure is claimed to be due to causes outside of his insurance business. A greater part of his credit is with Boston parties. One-half is with National banks and the other is general indebtedness. Mr. Bennet's indebtedness to the banks is largely due to their discounting his notes, which were endorsed by his wife's daughter of the late Mr. Bennet of Jordan, March & Co. Mr. Bennet has been in the fire insurance business for nine years.

EXTRA

11.00 O'CLOCK. CAMBRIDGE.

Her Crew Wins the Great University Race in England To-Day.

Oxford's Crew Left Two Lengths in the Rear at the Finish.

This Is the Fourth Successive Victory for the Men of Cambridge.

The Result Was Expected, as Oxford Had Been in Poor Form.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

LONDON, March 30.—The forty-sixth annual eight-oared boat race between representative crews from Oxford and Cambridge Universities was rowed this afternoon over the regular course from Putney to Mortlake, a distance of four miles and a quarter, and was won, as had been generally expected, by the Cambridge crew.